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vetigate several charges that were made by four members on this side of the House; quotes 'Hansard' page 3475—3662. Was not charge made that Department of Marine and Fisheries were purchasing very large quantities of cement through middlemen when other departments were purchasing it direct. Not time enough for investigation before the Public Accounts Committee—3663. Department of Marine and Fisheries have been purchasing goods from this man Merwin under the name of Brooks; quotes telegram sent to H. R. Worthington of New York—3664. Quotes answering telegram; Merwin pays \$800 for pump and minister pays \$1,550—3665. Investigations as at present held are useless; a proper investigation would shock the First Minister and the country—3666.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—3658.

Quotes Hansard in reference to an investigating commission—3658. Does hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) know that there was an arrangement made between the chief whip of the government and myself that vote should be taken?—3668.

Tisdale, Hon. D. (Norfolk)—3639.

Ten months was what crew were paid for—3639. Hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) saw Lord Strathcona's letter and hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) did not—3645.

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Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the committee to investigate the 'Arctic' expenditure be composed of Messrs. Maclean (Lunenburg), Carvell, Demers, Purdee, McCraney, Macpherson, Bennett, Bergeron, Northrup and Stockton. Motion agreed to—3903.

Motion by Mr. A. K. Maclean that the final report of the special committee appointed to inquire into the purchase and disposal of supplies for the government steamer 'Arctic' be concurred in—6372. Mr. W. B. Northrup moves in amendment that the report be referred back to the commission for further consideration—6498. Amendment negatived: yeas, 37; nays, 93. Motion agreed to—6537.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6428.

What concerns the public to-day is where this \$125,000 went in connection with the purchase of supplies for this expedition; quotes motion of the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden)—6428. From the very inception of this expedition it was current rumour and report that it was to be one huge case of brigandage—6429. Quotes letter of Col. Gourdeau; quotes testimony of Col. White—6430. Quotes testimony of Col. White; out of the whole \$125,000 worth of supply none

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was purchased under the wholesale system of tender—6431. Gives description of what happened at Fullerton; quotes evidence of Dr. Flood at page 29; quotes correspondence between Mr. Brodeur and Audit Department—6432-3. Refers to amount of tobacco used; quotes evidence of Mr. Duchesnay—6434. Quotes evidence of Mr. Weeks on page 40—6435. Challenges the government to show one word of evidence of Captain Bernier that will bear out the statement that every dollar's worth in the invoices found a place in his book—6436. How is it possible that Weeks arrived at the fact that there were only 29 of the 40 coats from Laliberté?—6437. Quotes resolution moved in committee on June 20th which would have probed matter to the bottom—6438. How can you give evidence of the value of the goods that were ordered for the 'Arctic' unless you can get samples of those goods? The whole expedition was fitted out to have a good time, and they had it—6439-40.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6388.

The reason given for the outfitting of the 'Arctic' was that she was supposed to sail on a voyage of discovery to the North Pole; the statement of goods bought for the steamer, without tender, amounted to the sum of \$265,469.12—6389. Captain Bernier is an honest man but he only answered what he wanted to answer—6390. Mr. Duchesnay swore that he was a Liberal and that Major Moodie was hard on French-Canadians—6391. Why were tenders not called for in connection with supplies? This investigation was not nearly as wide as that granted in 1891 into the affairs of the Public Works Department—6392. The Prime Minister does not like investigations—6393. This investigation was granted for two purposes, to ascertain whether the supplies bought were placed on the ship; and whether the prices were reasonable—6394. We cannot find what provisions went for other purposes than the discovery of the North Pole because we are not allowed to investigate—6395. Mr. Semple spent an afternoon in examining the invoices; he did not see the goods but he checked everything and said that everything was all right—6396. Mr. Semple swore that when the steamer came back the provisions on board were 25 per cent less than when she went away—6397. There was no satisfactory evidence before the committee of supplies that went on board—6398. An expenditure of \$125,000, without tender, was incurred by the government for supplies for this expedition—6399. The whole expenditure was a huge scandal and a waste of public money—6400.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6377

What was the character of the damage?—6377. Important parts of the machinery are duplicated on board any ordinary vessel on the Atlantic—6378. Who is the gentleman to whom the hon. member